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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, EG, IS, US
SUBJECT: AMOCO EXPLORATION IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: (A) STATE 217648, (B) CAIRO 8749

1. SINCE THE APPROVED OBJECTIVES AND GOALS STATEMENT FOR THE AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO (REF A) INCLUDED A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TRYING TO "PURSUE AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI DIFFERENCES RE PETROLEUM EXPLORATION/ EXPLOITATION IN THE GULF OF SUEZ AND SINAI," AND SINCE FAHMY IS NOW GONE, DO YOU WISH ME TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH ACTING FONMIN BOUTROS GHALI? IN LIGHT RECENT SADAT INITIATIVES, IT IS JUST CONCEIVABLE--THOUGH NOT VERY LIKELY--THAT HE MIGHT TAKE A MORE POSITIVE VIEW OF OUR PROPOSED FOUR POINT FORMULA. I KNOW, TOO, THAT MINPET HILAL HAS FOR SOME TIME CHAFFED UNDER FAHMY'S RIGID POSITION ON THIS MATTER AND WOULD PERSONALLY NOT BE AVERSE TO SOME KIND OF A MODUS OPERANDI WITH ISRAEL. GHALI HAS NOT RAISED ISSUE WITH ME AND I DOUBT THAT AT THIS STAGE AT LEAST HE EVEN KNOWS ABOUT IT.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, HAVE WE TAKEN ANY SOUNDINGS AS
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TO WHETHER BEGIN GOVT WOULD BE WILLING GO ALONG WITH FOUR POINT FORMULA WORKED OUT LAST DECEMBER WITH ALLON? IF NOT, THEN IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO RAISE IT WITH THE EGYPTIANS.

3. CONCEIVABLY, ISRAELIS WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE THIS WHOLE QUESTION IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. IF SO, AND IF

WE CONCUR, THEN I BELIEVE THAT SPECIFIC TASK SHOULD BE
EXCISED FROM OBJECTIVES AND GOALS STATEMENT (REF A).
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